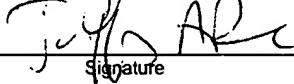


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In re Application of:

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Serial No. 09/716,391

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Title: PLAYING CARDS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2001, please enter the following Amendment in the above-identified application and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3 and 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) A deck of game playing cards comprising a number of playing cards, each card having a front side of the card and a back side of the card, said back side either containing a design or not containing a design, such that each of the cards contains a back side which is similar to each of the other cards, such that said cards cannot be distinguished by observing the back side of the card, said front side of each card containing an indication of location, quantity and suit.

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